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Peterson yard of the month

Left to right: Col. Marv Fisher, 21st Support Group commander, Brig. Gen Duane Deal, 21st Space Wing commander, and Willie Carter, housing representative, congratulate 1st Lt. and Mrs. Damon Willie on winning Yard of the Month for Peterson Air Force Base. The Willie Family received 21st Services Squadron coupons worth more than \$400 for their efforts reflecting the best of "Pete Pride."



hours. I drop my child off before 7:00 so I can be at work by 7:00, and I get off between 4:30 and 5:00. If it is after 5, I get charged. I think it is not fair for us to be charged extra?

ANSWER: While we understand your concern, the fees parents pay for full-day care are based upon 50 hours per week. Therefore, if a child receives care beyond the 50 hours already purchased, the CDC must charge an additional hourly fee to cover the costs of the service provided; to do otherwise would risk operating at a loss. However, additional hourly fees are not assessed until the family exceeds their 50 hours of care per week. If you have further questions, please contact Ms. Toni Hansen at extension 556-4883.

Careless Drivers

QUESTION: When we see careless drivers on base, is there a method where we can report them—turn in their license number into the Security Forces or something?

ANSWER: We applaud your concern for the safety of our base. If you witness an instance of careless driving on Peterson AFB, the best course of action is to report all pertinent information about the incident to the Security Forces Control Center at Bldg. 1376. This would include the vehicle description, state license plate number, description of occupant(s), and careless action of the vehicle. At that time, Security Forces will have you fill out an AF Form 1168, Statement of Witness or Complaint. In the statement, you will be able to report what you witnessed. If Security Forces determines there is enough probable cause to issue a citation, then the statement would be forwarded to the suspect's commander for action. Again, thank you for taking the time to inquire about ways to keep the streets and members of Team Pete safe. For further questions, please contact Master Sgt. Scott McCalla at 556-8235.

Schools and buses

QUESTION: Why can't the children using the Youth Center be bused to the Sand Creek School rather than Monroe? Currently, my kids are enrolled in Sand Creek, and I would like them go to the Youth Center on Peterson, but there is no busing. What do I have to do so my children can attend Sand Creek?

ANSWER: Sand Creek Elementary School is located in District 2, while Peterson AFB falls into District 11. According to the transportation supervisor for District 2, they can not transport children to programs across different school districts. Additionally, he indicated that they do not have enough busses to support transporting children to programs other than those in District 2. Increasing the number of routes would also increase their operating costs.



Action Line

Submitting Action Line

The Action Line is your direct link to the 21st Space Wing Commander—use it wisely! Try to resolve problems at the lowest level possible—with the person or activity, and then follow the chain of command.

Though it's not required, we ask that you leave your name and phone number so we can get back to you for clarifications, or if your response isn't printed.

If you can't get satisfactory results, then call (719) 556-7777. You may also fax your question to 556-7848.

Family SGLI choice

QUESTION: Why aren't military members asked if they want to be enrolled in the Family SGLI? My wife is stationed at Altus AFB, and we weren't told that we were automatically enrolled into the program. I spoke to the MPF, finance, and legal offices at Altus, but no one would help us. Thank you.

ANSWER: While we cannot speak for what transpired at Altus, we have taken steps at our MPF to ensure newly married personnel are clearly briefed on the program and given the opportunity to decline FMSGLI at the time their marital status changes. The Family Servicemen's Group Life Insurance (FMSGLI) was implemented on Nov. 1, 2001. All

military members who were married at that time and held any amount of SGLI had their spouses automatically enrolled in the new FMSGLI. However, since the FMSGLI program did not make the distinction between spouses who are military and those who are not, all spouses were automatically enrolled. Military members were given a grace period until Dec. 31, 2001 to formally decline FMSGLI coverage at their local MPFs. In your case, since you were married after Dec. 31, you should have been afforded the opportunity to decline the additional FMSGLI at the time you updated your marital status in the DEERS system at your servicing MPF. In Altus' defense, AFPC provided extensive Air Force-wide publicity on this subject, to include base newspapers and notes on Leave and Earnings Statements. Policy guidance provided by the Air Force Personnel Center states that charges are not normally reimbursable because your spouse was covered during this period and if she had died, you would have been given the \$100,000. However, if you believe you were mis counseled, you can request your local MPF's assistance in filing a DD Form 149, Correction to Military Records to recoup your FMSGLI charges.

Costly hours

QUESTION: Why does the Child Development Center charge extra if your child is there for more than ten hours a day? I cannot control my work



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A Moment in Time: September



■ On Aug. 30, 1983, the oldest astronaut, William Thornton, 54, and the first African-American astronaut, Lt. Col. Guion Bluford, USAF, took off on the *Challenger*.

■ On Sept. 1, 1982, The USAF activated Space Command at Peterson AFB.

■ On Sept. 2, 1945, While on board the USS Missouri, the Japanese Foreign Minister and Chief of Staff signed the documents to surrender ending WWII.

Information courtesy of Staff Sgt. Trisha Morgan, 21st Space Wing History Office.

View from the top

Command chiefs offer insights to AFSPC operations

Air Force Space Command -- Chief Master Sgt. Ronald G. Kriete is responsible for advising the Air Force Space Command commander and senior staff on matters influencing the health, welfare, morale, effective utilization, quality of life, and progress of the command's enlisted members.

"We all must continue to have goals and to continue to push ourselves" said Kriete. "If you go beyond what you have already mastered, then personal growth is inevitable. What has worked for me over the

years, is taking care of the family, mission, and health.

"When I talk about family, I'm talking about your immediate family. They are so very important, and will be with you for a lifetime. When I talk about the Air Force family, I'm talking about the care and feeding of each of us in uniform. We belong to an institution unlike any other, and we take an oath to enter and stay with this profession. And finally, our community family. These folks are a very special group who rely on us to protect their freedoms. Embrace them like one of your own and in turn they will embrace you. Each of these families are very important to us -- as an Air Force community we need to make time for each of them."

The chief advises that people take an active role in ensuring the needs of the mission are met.

"The mission is what we are expected to carry out, day in and day out," said Kriete. "We all must do our part to organize, train, and equip our Air Force, regardless of what level you are at in your career. Our country depends on us to keep the mission going; our selfless service ensures we won't let the mission fail.

"And finally, your health. This area is critical to sustain the family and the mission. We all must seek every opportunity to exercise: physically, spiritually, and mentally. Find something you like to do. What's important is that you do something. Create a schedule to fit your demanding work schedule and stick to it."



Kriete

14th Air Force -- Chief Master Sgt. Steven F. Crocker was recently assigned to the position of command chief master sergeant for 14th Air Force.

"This is my first experience with Air Force Space Command," said Crocker. "I saved the best command for last. I'm really excited at the opportunity to be involved in the leading edge of technology. When you think of the future -- you think of space. This is the most rewarding job I've had in my 26 years in the Air Force. I have the opportunity to serve the enlisted force and help them to be as effective as they can be."

Crocker feels that it's leadership's responsibility to provide the tools people need to keep the Air Force the best air and space force in the world.

While assigned to 14th Air Force, Crocker plans to continue to improve quality of life for Air Force members.

"As I visit bases and learn more about what our troops do on a daily basis, I plan to work with other command chiefs to help make our bases a better place to live and work for our people," said Crocker. "So far, I've been very impressed with the professionalism I've seen. Space is the place where our people can truly make a difference across the entire spectrum, throughout the Department of Defense. Everyone can be very proud of the contributions they are making."

Crocker had the following advice for enlisted members. "Try to plan your career around known variables," he said. "Always try to make well-informed decisions. Assignments are one of those areas, and it's great to talk to others about them.

Prior to his present position, he served as the Command Chief Master Sergeant of the 65th Air Base Wing, Lajes Field, The Azores, Portugal. Crocker began his career as a meteorological equipment specialist and later re-trained into the air traffic control career field, where he spent more than 16 years before becoming a command chief master sergeant.



Crocker

21st Space Wing -- Chief Master Sgt. Vance M. Clarke is the 21st Space Wing command chief master sergeant. He is responsible for the enlisted concerns of the men and women of the 21st Space Wing.

"I believe I am a servant in the position of Command Chief of the 21st SW and Peterson," said Clarke. "I believe I am here to help the enlisted force have a direct voice to Brig. Gen. Duane Deal, (21st Space Wing Commander), 14th Air Force, and to Air Force Space Command and higher, and to help those leaders have a direct voice to the enlisted force. I believe that I am here to hear, take action on what I hear, to push folks to do better, and to help our enlisted people be successful."

Clarke wants to continue to improve the living and working conditions for Air Force members.

"I hope to continue the great programs we have for enlisted people here at Peterson," he said. "I hope to push them hard, to expand them, and to bump them up a notch to ensure we are doing our best for our people. I am listening a lot and trying to discern the issues out there for our folks -- both locally and globally in the 21st SW. I hope to help bring "Team Peterson" closer together and to also help reach out to our entire wing around the world.

"We are faced with the continuing challenge of drawing out the best our people have to give. We are tasked all around the world through either in-place, or deployed personnel. The challenge is meeting the mission, caring for our people, and ensuring we take care of families. This is not a new challenge but it is being presented to new people and we have to make sure we do all we can to make each member of our Air Force family successful.

"AFSPC is a hotbed for change, and we can see that we have a large and important role to play. The 21st SW and Peterson are at the center and hub of this effort. I believe we have a great leadership team in place, and that we can make large dents in the cares and needs of our people."



Clarke

Safety top Air Force priority over Labor Day Weekend

21st Space Wing leaders handed out safety cards to base members this week as part of the 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign with a focus on the Labor Day weekend.

The Labor Day weekend presents unique safety concerns such as traveling long distances, outdoor sports and recreation type activities, and barbecues and food safety. The safety cards emphasize Personal Risk Management, key information for base members, and remind them to keep safety in mind while enjoying the long holiday weekend.

The cards included seven ideas for a safe Labor Day and how to avoid being a statistic...

- Drink alcohol in moderation
- Don't drive under the influence
- Always wear your seat belt

- Party in a responsible manner
- Consider the fatigue factor
- Consider the risks
- Make sound decisions

Many people will try to cram as many activities into this last "unofficial" weekend of the summer as they possibly can, hoping to make up for the activities they didn't have a chance to participate in up to this point. That's a key reason for the early release ... to give folks as much time to get where they're going, without having to take unnecessary risks. Driving a long distance is bad enough, but driving that same distance after a full day's work can, and often does, lead to fatigue or speeding to make up for lost time. That's when mishaps occur ... when one is mentally and physically exhausted and sound judgment and decisions

are impaired.

This year has been especially bad for Air Force personnel, as the number of fatalities due to mishaps has increased significantly from previous years, the majority of them motor vehicle related. The Air Force has had five double fatalities and two triple fatality accidents this year ... that's sixteen Air Force people killed in seven motor vehicle mishaps! As of Aug. 23, there were 82 fatalities — 82 people who won't celebrate Labor Day this weekend. Heed the warning; keep safety in mind to avoid



Courtesy photo

These are the remains of a vehicle that struck a bridge support at high speed in North Carolina, killing the three airmen in the car. Personal Risk Management is crucial for preventing mishaps.

being a statistic. (Information courtesy 21st Space Wing Safety)



TRACK RIBBON CUTTING

The ribbon cutting ceremony at the Fitness Center's new track will be Tuesday, 8 a.m. A 5K Fun Run will follow the ceremony. There will be refreshments and a commemorative medal for participants of the 5K.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Kevin Cummings at 556-3210.



LEGAL CLAIM

If anyone has claims against the estate of Staff Sgt. Leonard M. Davis, contact Capt. Atilio Usseglio at 439-1225.

D-11 SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

District 11 is in need of various supplies for their upcoming school year.

Some of the needed supplies are:

- #2 pencils
- Spiral notebooks -- wide-ruled lines
- Crayola washable markers
- Colorado pencils
- small calculators
- glue sticks
- Fiskar scissors
- pocketed folders
- rulers with metric and

standard measurements

- boxes of tissue

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Patricia Kimble at 556-4462.

OFFICERS WIVES' CLUB FUNCTION

The Peterson Officers Wives' Club will have its first function 6:30 p.m., Sept. 19, at the Officers' Club.

For details, call Kimberly Willoghby at 574-8500.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFIT DAY

Representatives from Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Government Employees Health Association, PacifiCare of Colorado, Mail Handlers and Kaiser Permanente, will be available Thursday to meet with Peterson Complex civil-

ian employees to discuss any questions or concerns regarding their health insurance coverage.

Appointments are not required. Representatives will be available in the Civilian Personnel Office training room from 9-10:30 a.m.

For more information, call Beverly Sagapolutele at 556-7073.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Olmstead Scholar Program provides officers a chance to attend a college overseas while studying for a master's degree.

The application deadline is Oct. 15. For more information call the MPF.

EDUCATION OFFICE

■ Air War College non-resident studies seminar is underway and will run through June 2003.

Applications are being accepted online at www.au.af.mil/au/awc/awc/awcnsenroll

■ The Air Command and Staff College is also accepting applications for nonresident studies.

■ Federal workers can

take online courses in more than 25 subjects for free. To learn more, log onto www.golearn.gov.

For more information on these or other Education Office classes, call the Education Office at 556-4064.

CITY INCREASES WATER RESTRICTIONS

During Stage II, residents should water their lawns in the early morning or late evening for no more than three hours per day.

- Sundays -- even numbers
- Mondays -- no watering
- Tuesdays -- odd numbers
- Wednesdays -- even numbers
- Thursdays -- no watering
- Fridays -- no watering
- Saturdays -- odd numbers

Peterson has achieved a 21 percent reduction in water usage, and will continue to stay consistent with the savings set by the city.

Also during Stage II, the car wash will be closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Watch the base marquees, the Commander's Access Channel and the *Space*

Observer for the latest water restriction stages and changes.

NCO ACADEMY OPENING

The Peterson Air Force Base Noncommissioned Officer Academy has an opening for an instructor.

Applicants must be active-duty technical sergeants with an associate's degree from an accredited institution, meet weight standards, be willing to commit to a four-year controlled tour, and have completed the NCO Academy course.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Rosemarie Stange at 556-1993.

NAVY BALL

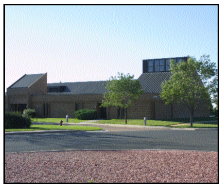
The Rocky Mountain Navy 227th Birthday Ball will be 6 p.m.-midnight, Oct. 4, at the Sheraton Hotel, Colorado Springs.

The prices for this year's ball are E-6 and below is \$20, E-7 to O-3 \$35, and general admission for the event is \$42.

For more information on the ball, or for dress requirements contact your command representative.



At the Base Chapel



Protestant
Liturgical Worship,
8:15 a.m.
Traditional Sunday Worship
11 a.m.
Gospel Services, 12:30 p.m.

Catholic
Weekday Mass, 11:35 a.m.
Saturdays, 5 p.m.
Sundays, 9:30 a.m.
Reconciliation
Saturdays, 4 p.m.

Religious Education
Sunday programs
resume after
Labor Day

**For more information
Call the chapel at
556-4442 for available
chapel programs.

Blotter

The following real-life events with real individuals from around the Peterson Complex are presented to inform you of crimes, accidents, and events occurring on our base.

The following entries were taken from hundreds recorded in the Peterson Police Blotter for the week ending Aug. 23:

***Editor's note: Although the Space Observer staff may make light of some Blotter entries, the intent is to call attention to our security and law enforcement concerns. However, rest assured, our professional Security Forces treat each incident seriously.*

Snack attack — Don't lay a finger on my butterfinger - Aug. 17

Security Forces were contacted by a military member who said that someone had broken into his office snack bar refrigerator. A 12-pack of Pepsi, three dozen candy bars, and a small amount of cash totaling \$24 were taken from the refrigerator.

Late night response; Aug. 18/19

Security Forces were called by an

airman who was concerned about his unconscious and vomiting buddy. The individual was taken to Memorial Hospital, treated and later released.

Troublesome boogers - Aug. 20

Security Forces, the Fire Department, and American Medial Response arrived at the Child Development Center when a child complained of having a rock shoved up their nose. The child was taken to the United States Air Force Academy for further medical assistance.

Heck with work, got a light? - Aug. 20

Security Forces arrived on scene outside the Hartinger Building after receiving a telephone call stating that there was a briefcase left outside at the smokers' pit. Before running the complete security checklist, the owner returned to

pick up their lost luggage. The individual was briefed on the proper ways to keep control of personal items.

Fast response - Aug. 22

Security Forces, the Fire Department, and American Medial Response shortly arrived after being notified of an individual who was suffering from a stroke outside the commissary. The individual was transported to Memorial Hospital for further treatment.

Bonk & Book - Aug 21

Security Forces were called to the parking lot of Dorm 1156 where a resident reported his vehicle

had been hit. Damage consisted of a broken taillight, a bumper scratch and dent, and a door scratch. There were blue paint transfers on the car from the vamoosed vehicle. Anyone with further information is encouraged to contact the Law Enforcement Desk.

Vehicular Vandalism - Aug 21

Security Forces answered a call at the clinic parking lot where an SUV had gotten a long scratch on the driver's side door. Anyone with further information on the cowardly perpetrator is encouraged to contact the Law Enforcement Desk.

Greenback snatcher - Aug. 23

An individual reported to Security Forces that somebody stole \$103 from his wallet. The individual was driving when he suddenly realized that his wallet was missing. He quickly

returned to work where a buddy of his returned his wallet. The owner was happy; however there was no money in the wallet. The buddy didn't know who might have had the wallet beforehand.

Possible drunk scaredy-cat attempts to escape - Aug. 23

Security Forces arrived at the dormitories after three individuals were suspected of underage drinking. The three individuals were asked for their IDs. Two individuals surrendered their IDs, one of which was underage. The third individual needed to get to her car to retrieve an ID. After some time elapsed the fearful feline attempted to slip away to the West Gate. She was caught attempting to escape, and was detained. It was later discovered that she wasn't intoxicated, but lacking the appropriate guts.





Peterson to welcome new arrival Oct. 1

By 2nd Lt. Suzy Kohout
21 Space Wing Public Affairs

Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. is the location for the newest unified command, U. S. Northern Command headquarters.

USNORTHCOM will be responsible for homeland defense.

The new command will oversee the land, maritime, and aerospace aspects of U.S. homeland defense.

On May 8, former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld announced U.S. Air Force General Ralph E. “Ed” Eberhart, NORAD and U.S. Space Command Commander, as the President’s nominee to become the first commander of USNORTHCOM.

Confirmed by the U.S. Senate on June 28, the new commander will be responsible to the President and Secretary of Defense. The Office of the Secretary of Defense will work directly with the other cabinet agencies and federal government organizations.

“It is an honor to be the first commander of U.S. Northern Command,” said Eberhart. “I look forward to serving the nation in this role. Our job will be to preserve the nation’s security by defending the American people where they live and work, and to support civilian authorities as needed.

“We will also prepare for the inevitability of uncertainty and sur-

prise,” Eberhart said. “This will be a team effort from start to finish — our servicemen and women are ready for the challenge.”

The new command is scheduled to begin operations Oct. 1.

“Having NORTHCOM here continues the focus on Peterson as arguably the most vital hub of our combined nation’s defense,” said Brig. Gen. Duane Deal, 21st Space Wing Commander. “With our Major Command headquarters here, plus USSPACE and NORAD, we’re already a premier installation, second in VIP-type visits transiting here only to Andrews AFB.”

The command will provide consolidated oversight of the Department of Defense’s roles in the broader homeland security effort.

Once operational, NORTHCOM will integrate the land, maritime and aerospace aspects of homeland defense with the aerospace warning and control capabilities NORAD has provided to Canada and the U.S. for 44 years.

NORAD and NORTHCOM will still remain two separate entities.

NORAD will provide the means to accomplish the aerospace defense mission via its existing bi-national structure and operating procedures.

NORTHCOM and NORAD will ensure the effective and efficient accomplishment of military defense of



Photo by 2nd Lt. Suzy Kohout

The new NORTHCOM building located next to the Hartinger Building will house NORTHCOM when completed in 2003.

the U.S. homeland, while simultaneously continuing to provide Canada and the U.S. the strategic advantages garnered from the two nations’ ongoing partnership to protect the skies of North America.

The command’s responsibility will encompass the continental U.S., Alaska, Canada, Mexico, and the surrounding water out to approximately 500 nautical miles. It will also include the Gulf of Mexico, Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Choice of the headquarters site was based on several considerations: military effectiveness, existing facilities, location, force protection, infrastructure, and costs.

“The 21st Space Wing is supporting the new command in many significant ways, and that support will contin-

ue,” said Deal. “Most visibly is perhaps our working the construction project and building occupancy for NORTHCOM headquarters.”

Peterson and Cheyenne Mountain have worked together to house those who’ve already arrived to lay the foundation of the command, and our team has ensured the command has the qualified manning it needs for its mission, said Deal.

“Establishing the extremely critical information support structure has kept our communications team busy,” said Deal. “Add to those the type of support Team Pete already provides to the base – services, medical, engineering, transportation, supply, etc. You get an idea of how involved we are today, and will be in the future.”



A T Y O U R S E R V I C E

Hearts Apart brings families together

By Tech. Sgt. Michael Phillips
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Peterson's Family Support Center, in conjunction with the Armed Forces YMCA, hosted a "Hearts Apart Family Fun Night" Aug. 16 at the Armed Forces YMCA Southeast Family Center. More than 60 family members participated in the program.

The program is geared to family members of Peterson Complex personnel who are deploying in the near future, are currently deployed, or who have recently returned from a deployment. The Family Fun Nights give those family members a chance to get to know each other, make new friends, and build support networks.

"The Hearts Apart Family Fun Night began in September, and was brought

about by a meeting we had with the Armed Services YMCA Military Programs committee," said Master Sgt. Bill Stephenson, Family Readiness Program manager. "The committee meets regularly to discuss the programs we have, and to find out how we can work together to integrate their programs with ours.

"Following Sept. 11, quite a few people were deploying, and we noticed that many families simply 'locked themselves in' their homes.

"So many times, people go home for the day, shut their door, and live within the walls of their house" Stephenson said.

"That becomes a normal way of life. When a family member is taken out of that home environment, it can create a big change for the family members left behind," he said.



Photos by E. G. Gutierrez

Last November many families participated in the "Hearts Apart Night" at the YMCA. Here families could talk to one other over a buffet meal.

"We wanted to get those families out of their homes and into the community, as well as let them know that the helping agencies under the Integrated Delivery System were there for them," Stephenson said. "At the same time, we have representatives from other helping agencies like the Chapel, Family Advocacy, the Family Support Center, and the American Red Cross, so the families can meet them and put a name to a face if they ever need assistance."

"The YMCA agreed to provide the facility, while the Peterson FSC took care of marketing and logistics.

"It was a huge success."

"We try and time the Family Fun Nights quarterly, according to our rotation schedule," he said. "If Peterson is tasked to be the primary support base in March through May, for example, then an event will be scheduled for April.

"Our objective is to draw people out of their homes, and provide a forum where they can meet people that are currently involved in a deployment, or people that have been deployed in the past, and help them help themselves."

"It's all about building our communities."



Parents and their children keep the morale up by participating in activities and games.

SERVICES CALENDARS

At the Officers' Club		September 1 -- Brunch, 10:30 a.m.- 1p.m.	September 3 -- Steak Night, 6-8 p.m.	September 5 -- King Crab, 6-8 p.m.
At the Enlisted Club		September 4-- Family night, Oriental buffet, 5-7 p.m.	September 11-- Family night, Chicken buffet, 5- 7 p.m.	September 12-- Mongolian BBQ. See future edi- tion for times.
At Outdoor Recreation		September 1 -- Last rafting trip this year on the Arkansas River.	September 2&3 -- PADI Scuba Diver Certification Class	September 5 -- PADI Scuba Diver Certification Class

This Week

Monday

- Auto Skills Center, Bowling Center closed, Labor Day.
- Sports and Fitness Center open, 7 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
- Golf Course Championship; Silver Spruce Golf Course is closed until 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday

- Sponsorship Training, 7:30-8:30 a.m., at the Family Support Center.
- HQ CSB/REDUX Briefing, 1-4 p.m., at the Family Support Center.
- Session I swim lessons begin, at the Aquatics Center.
- Dog Obedience Class starts, 6-8 p.m., at the Community Activities Center.
- AF Form 303s due for soccer, at the Sports and Fitness Center.

Wednesday

- Framing class, at the Community Activities Center.
- Stained glass class, at the Community Activities Center.
- Storytime, 10:15 a.m., at the Library.

Thursday

- Job orientation, 1-2:30 p.m., at the Family Support Center.
- Play group, 10:30 a.m.- noon, at the Chapel
- Ladies' Day at the Golf Course.

Helpful Numbers

- Family Advocacy 556-8943
- Education Center 556-4064
- Library 556-7462
- Community Center 556-7671
- Aquatics Center 556-4608
- Fitness Center 556-4462
- Officers' Club 556-4181
- Enlisted Club 556-4194
- Youth Center 556-7220
- Family Support 556-6141
- Red Cross 556-9201
- Aragon Menu Line 556-4782
- Outdoor Recreation 556-4487
- Golf Course 556-7810

This Week



Gen. Lance Lord, AFSPC Commander, presents command coins to Senior Airman Heather Whitworth, Airman 1st Class Steven Zamora, and Senior Airman Conrad Artis. The Command Guard members visited the general to show him their new distinctive uniforms.

Security forces take ‘command’ of base entry

By Tech. Sgt. Gino Mattorano
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Peterson just became an even harder target for terrorists and criminals, now that members of the 21st Security Forces Squadron are stepping up to the challenge of establishing Air Force Space Command’s premier force protection element – the Command Guard.

The 21st SFS is working to provide highly professional entry control to Peterson, as well as Air Force Space Command, NORAD and U.S. Northern Command Headquarters.

“While we began planning long ago to implement this program, it wasn’t until we modified our force protection condition that we moved ahead,” said Brig. Gen. Duane Deal, 21st Space Wing Commander. “With this program, we have our protectors reflecting the best of our great security forces, and also reflecting the professionalism of all of Peterson.”

While 21st SFS personnel have always provided a high level of security service to the base, the Command Guard is composed of the top security forces members, whose distinctive uniforms mark them as members of the elite team.

“Each of our Command Guard members were hand selected,” said Staff Sgt. Tony Jarrell, Command Guard Noncommissioned Officer in Charge. “Cops who were interested in applying for a position on the team submitted resumes and recommendations from their supervisors or others. We selected the best of the best, based on past experience as well as

how sharp they look in uniform.”

The Command Guard uniform consists of an ascot, an aiguillette (a braided shoulder cord), special boots, and tailored uniforms.

“Our command guard personnel are often the first contact visitors and distinguished guests have when they come to Peterson, so it’s essential that they look as professional as possible,” said Jarrell. “Thanks to the support we have from wing and command leadership, we were able to outfit our command guard to look their sharpest.”

According to Jarrell, the primary reason the wing and AFSPC established the Command Guard was to enhance force protection.

“Make no mistake, a professional entry control force sends a clear message to potential adversaries – it will not happen on our base,” said Jarrell. “The base entry points are our first line of defense, so we must do the job right at the gates. Additional entry control points are established at command facilities to ensure security depth.”

Command Guard duty isn’t for everyone, and the selection criteria is tough. Each member of the Command Guard completes a 40-hour training course that includes enhanced entry control duty, distinguished visitor security, senior officer recognition, customs and courtesies, and uniform wear.

“Additionally, duty history, past performance and personal conduct are scrutinized,” said Jarrell. The bar is set high for good reason. We cannot compromise standards when it comes to protecting our people and resources.”



Staff Sgt. Bryant Evans, 21st SFS, works at Peterson’s North Gate. Evans is a Command Guard team supervisor.



Senior Airman Pamela Cavit, 21st SFS, processes cars through Peterson’s North Gate. The Command Guard is composed of the 21st SFS’s top security forces members.

“I am a security forces member. I hold allegiance to my country, devotion to duty, and personal integrity above all. I wear my shield of authority with dignity and restraint, and promote by example high standards of conduct, appearance, courtesy, and performance. I seek no favor because of my position. I perform my duties in a firm, courteous, and impartial manner, irrespective of a person’s color, race, religion, national origin, age, or sex. I strive to merit the respect of my fellow airmen and all with whom I come in contact.”

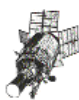
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Airman 1st Class Adam Jessee, 21st SFS, checks the identification of someone entering the base from Peterson’s West Gate.



Senior Airman Justin Robinson, 21st SFS, helps a visitor find his way to his destination while entering Peterson’s North Gate. Command Guard members’ distinctive uniforms are often the first visitors see when they enter the base, so it’s essential that they look their best.



Down Range

By Staff Sgt.
Josh Clendenen
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I know last week I said Senior Airman Shane Sharp would be taking over the column for the next few weeks.

Well, rest assured, he will -- starting next week.

I offered to write this week's because I recently went to an elk calling seminar. Let me tell you, this was the most

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informative and interesting seminar I've ever been to.

The instructor, John Sarkisian, a four-time world champion elk bugler, put on the two-hour show at a local church. The cost was \$20 for the seminar, two diaphragm calls, and an instructional tape. It was worth every penny.

After going to the class, I

can see why he is a four-time world champion.

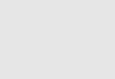
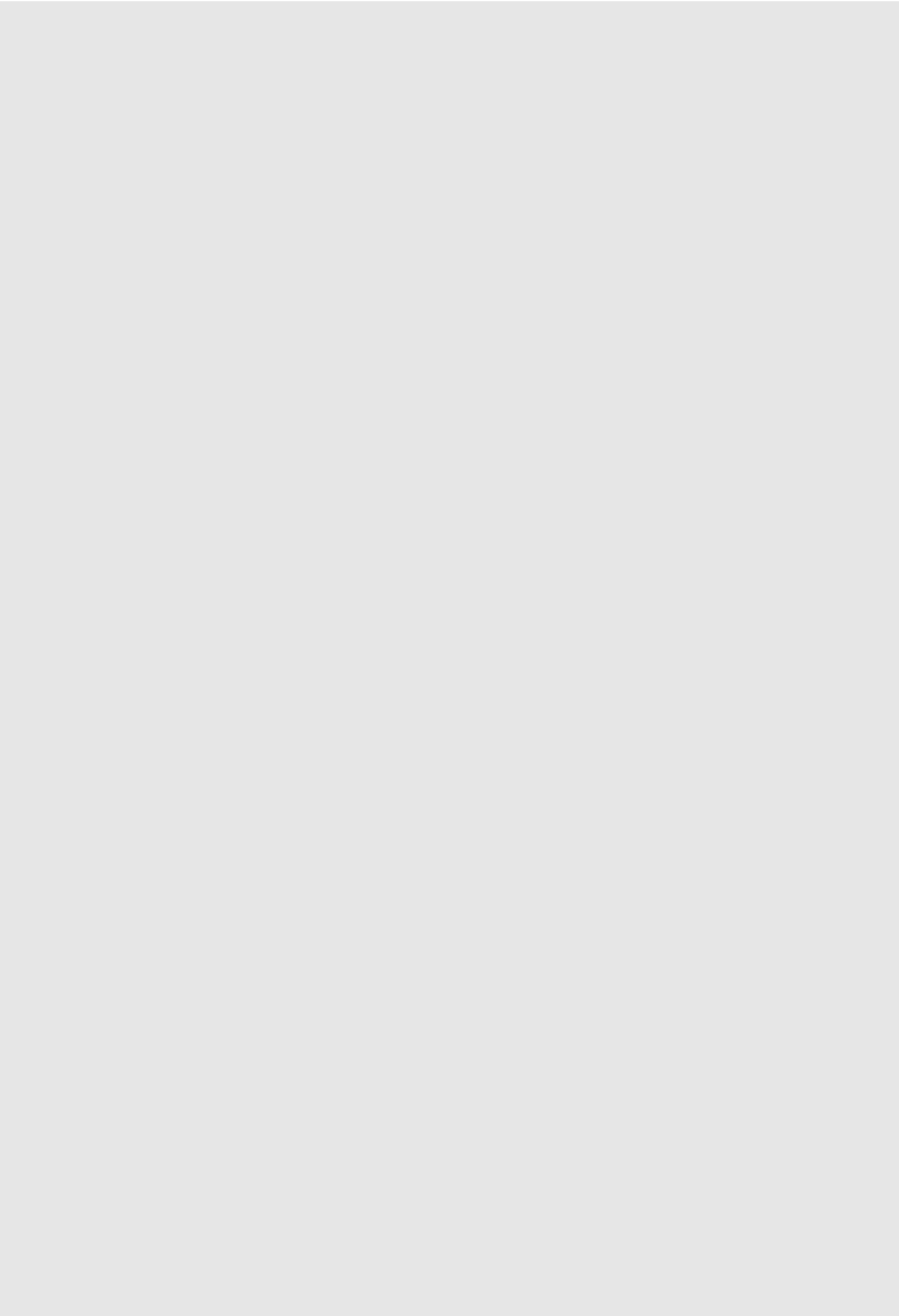
He made sounds with a diaphragm call that sounded identical to an animal. He made a crow sound that sounded just like a crow. And his elk calls -- look out.

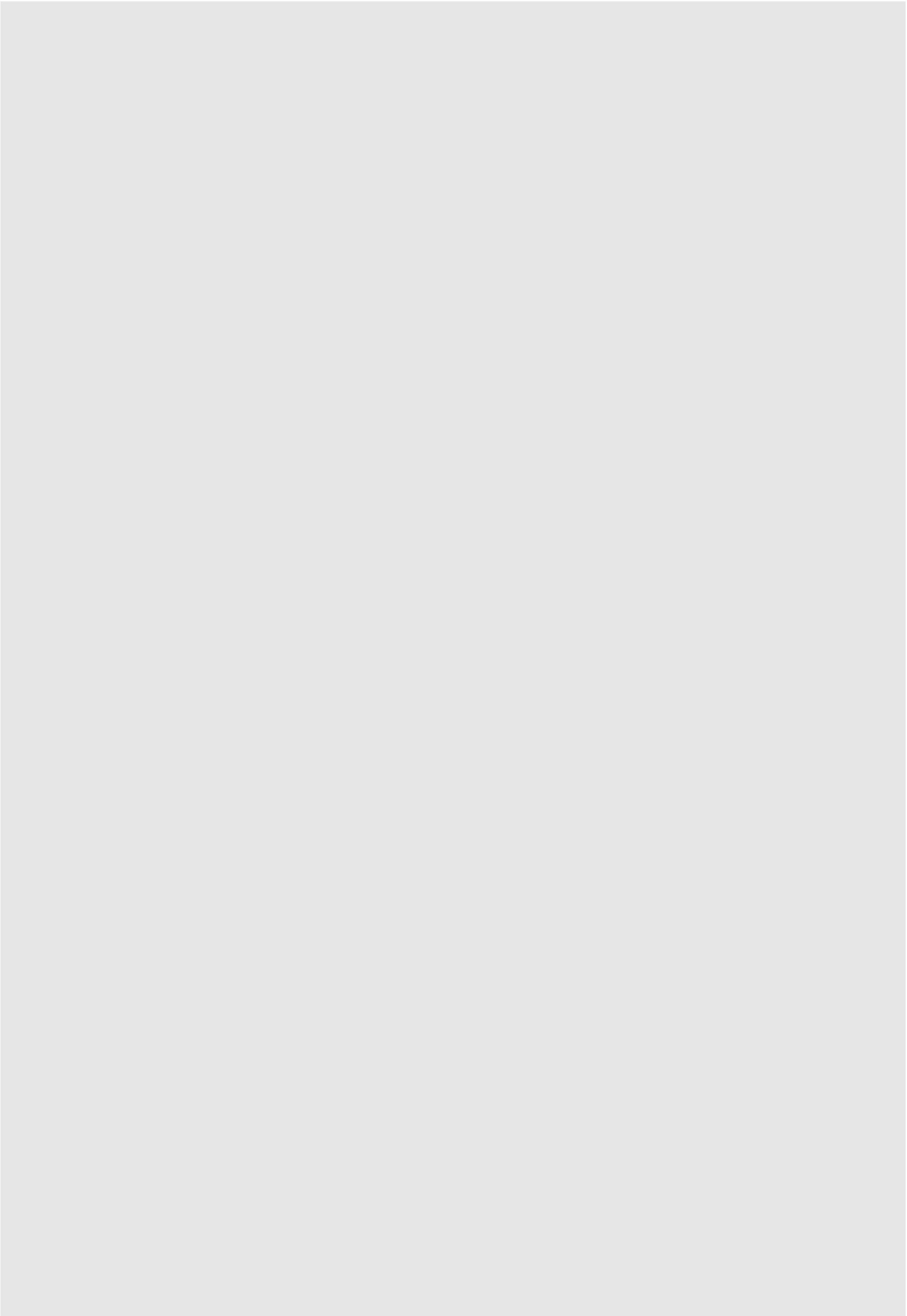
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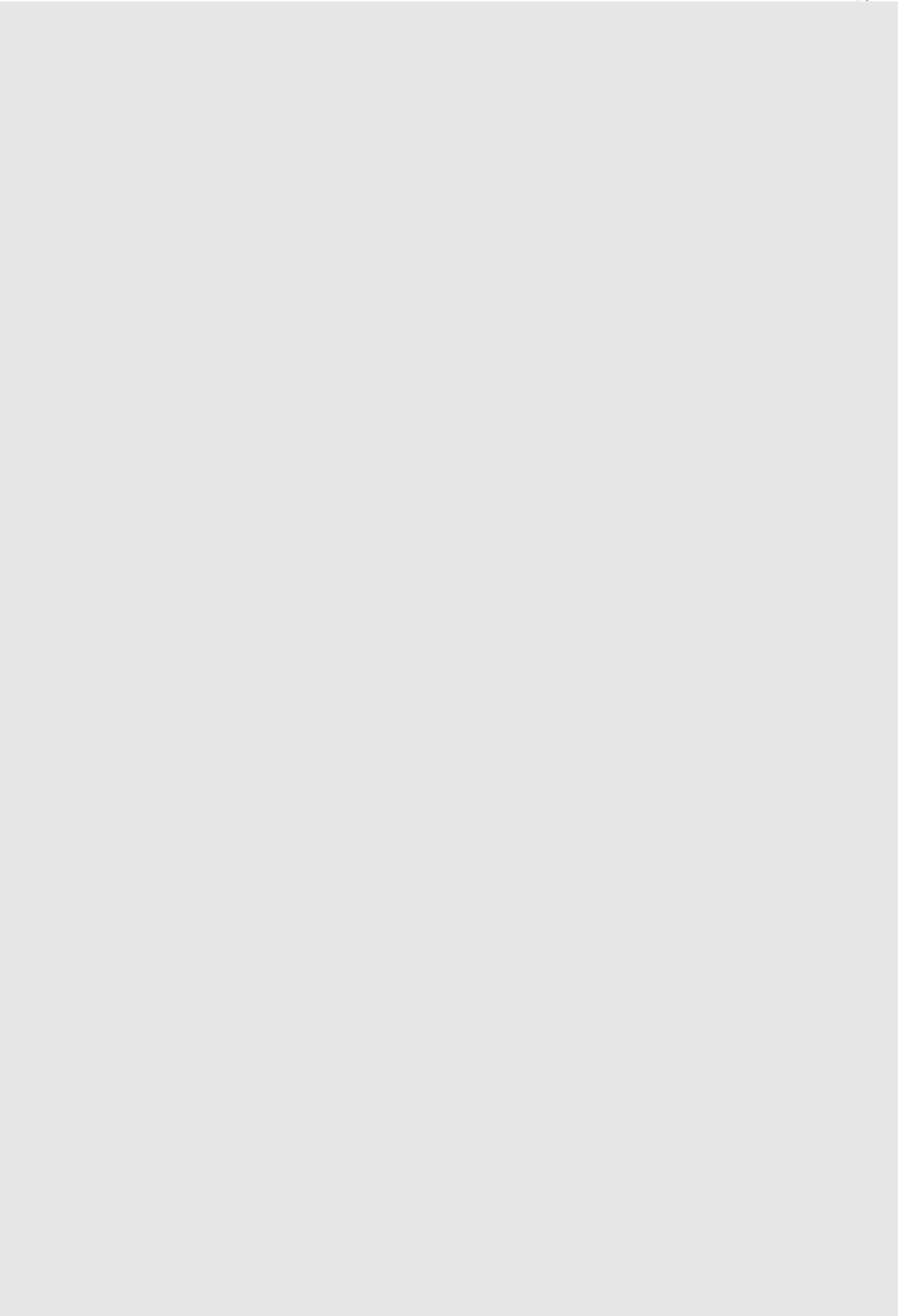
ous scenes where an elk comes within 20 yards of where he is calling. The man is simply amazing.

After I come back from leave, I will be talking to the folks at Outdoor Recreation to see what I need to do to get Sarkisian onto Peterson to do a show. I'll keep you posted on what happens.









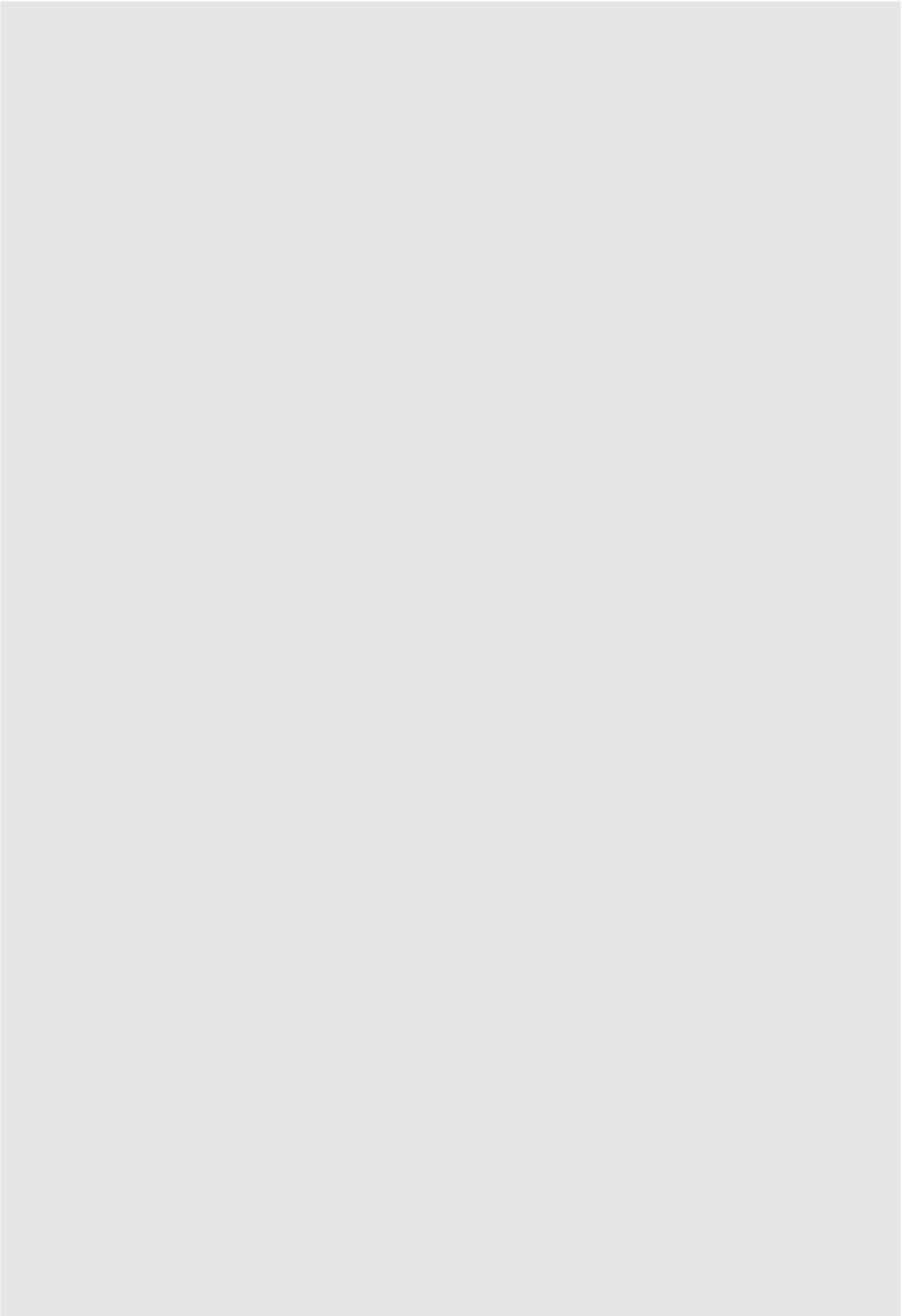




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Falcons kick off season against Northwestern

The Air Force Academy Falcons open the 2002 season against Northwestern Saturday, 10 a.m., at Falcon Stadium. The 21st Space Wing will kick off the season with a pre-game tailgate party. Sponsored by the 21st SW Logistics Group, the party begins at 8 a.m. Base members are invited to bring their own food; grills will be provided, as well as snacks and non-alcoholic drinks. There will be music and fun for all. The tailgaters will be located at the Northwest corner of the stadium in lots 6 and 7. For more information on the tailgate, call 556-4999 or 556-8211. The Academy and Northwestern haven't met since 1995. Overall, the Falcons are 2-2 against Northwestern. Last year, Air Force was 6-6 overall and finished tied for fifth in the Mountain West Conference with a 3-4 mark. Northwestern was 4-7 last season, and finished tied for 10th in the Big Ten with a 2-6 record.

